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Mr. Speaker:

It is National Police Week, and I rise to honor the law enforcement officers who protect our communities.

I also pay tribute to the thousands of men and women who have died in the line of duty.

There are few jobs more important—or more perilous—than that of a police officer.

Since I took office in January, there have been at least four incidents in or near my central Florida district where a police officer was shot. In one of those cases, an officer—Orlando Police Lieutenant Debra Clayton—lost her life.

Because they run toward danger, police officers face unimaginable challenges.

Last June, an armed attacker entered the Pulse nightclub in Orlando and opened fired – killing 49 people.

Showing no regard for their own safety, Orlando officers charged into the club, eventually bringing that long, dark night to an end.

Despite the risks, they put on their uniforms every day.

So, to all the brave officers around the country, I say thank you.

I yield back.